



The ADHS Statewide Training Contract Frequently Asked Questions

General Sensory Screening Program FAQ can be found here:

<https://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/womens-childrens-health/cyshcn/index.php#hearing-screening>

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Contract Details

Who was awarded the ADHS Statewide Training Contract:

The solicitation was awarded to the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, effective January 1, 2023.

How was the contract awarded?

Through the Arizona Department of Health Services' procurement process, responses to a Request for Proposal (RFP) were reviewed by the Program to select the best candidate to carry out the Scope of Work.

What is the funding source for this contract?

The ADHS Bureau of Women's and Children's Health will fund the state-wide training contract utilizing the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant.

Why are these changes being made?

The Sensory Screening Program has received feedback from the community that the existing hearing and vision training process can be expensive and difficult to access. This causes an undue burden to schools and community partners who are providing required screening services across the State of Arizona.

These changes will make training more accessible and feasible for schools and community partners and further support the goals of the Sensory Screening Program.

Training Updates

What changes are being made to the ADHS Sensory Screener Training?

The ADHS Sensory Screening Program has established a **free**, statewide hearing and vision screening training program and is working to convert the hearing and vision screening curriculum to an online platform to make virtual training an option.

All training for ADHS screener certification will now be provided through the awarded contractor and subcontractor agreements rather than independent trainers.

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When does this change take effect?

Beginning **March 13, 2023**, to become an ADHS certified hearing or vision screener, training must be scheduled through and provided by the awarded contractor. **These trainings will be free of charge to all participants.**

When is the final date for independent trainers to offer the ADHS certified training sessions?

Announcement of the training contract was published February 10, 2023. Current trainers will have **thirty (30) calendar days** from the announcement of the training contract, until **March 12, 2023** to complete any of their scheduled training sessions and submit rosters to the ADHS Sensory Screening Program.

Rosters received after **March 12, 2023** are at risk of not being entered into the system and those participants may need to be retrained by a trainer under the awarded contractor.

Who can access the free training?

Training will be open to school support personnel, early childhood professionals, and members of the public interested in learning how to perform hearing and vision screenings. There will be no fee to participants for training. The Arizona Department of Health Services will pay the Contractor directly to carry out the Scope of Work.

Will training be offered in person or online?

There will be options for fully in person training as well as virtual course work with an in person practical component.

Who will provide screener certificates? The ADHS or the Contractor?

Screener certificates will continue to be provided by the ADHS Sensory Screening Program.

Where can I access the training schedule?

A calendar of scheduled trainings will be available on the ADHS Sensory Screening Program website at:

<https://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/womens-childrens-health/cyshcn/index.php#sensory-training>

What are the requirements for vision screener training?

Vision Screening Rules are not yet in effect. Therefore, there is no requirement that schools perform vision screenings, or that those who perform vision screenings or training vision screeners be certified by the ADHS to do so.

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Equipment Loan Program**Will the Sensory Screening Program still have equipment for loan?**

Yes. Equipment will still be available at four locations across the state. More information can be found on our website at:

<https://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/womens-childrens-health/cyshcn/index.php#sensory-screening-equipment>

Who can check out equipment through the Sensory Screening Program Equipment Loan Program?

Access to the ADHS Equipment Loan Program is available to those who have current ADHS screener certifications.

Rules**Are there any changes to the Hearing Screening Rules?**

There are no changes to the Hearing Screening Rules associated with this training revision. A copy of the rules can be found on the Sensory Screening Program website at:

<https://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/womens-childrens-health/cyshcn/index.php#sensory-statutes>

Are there updates on the vision rules?

Vision Screening Rules are not yet in effect. Therefore, there is no requirement that schools perform vision screenings, or that those who perform vision screenings or training vision screeners be certified by the ADHS to do so.

Are there any updates about CEU requirements for Hearing Screeners?

The requirement for Hearing Screeners to complete CEUs has not changed. Guidance for appropriate CEU course selection can be found in the Programmatic Frequently Asked Questions document on our website:

<https://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/womens-childrens-health/cyshcn/index.php#hearing-screening>

Screeners

Who will provide screener certificates? The ADHS or the Contractor?

Screener certificates will continue to be provided by the ADHS Sensory Screening Program.

Will current hearing screeners need new certificates?

Only expired certifications will need to be renewed. All valid hearing screener certifications will remain valid until their 4 year expiration date as outlined in the Hearing Screening Rules.

Is my current screener certification still valid?

Hearing: All current ADHS hearing screener certifications remain valid until their 4 year expiration date as outlined in the Hearing Screening Rules. If hearing screening certifications are expired, they will need to be renewed through courses provided by the ADHS screening training contractor.

Vision: All current ADHS vision screener certifications remain valid until the expiration dates that will be outlined in the forthcoming Vision Screening Rules

Trainers

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Can I still train people independently?

Private business operations are outside the scope of the Hearing Screening Rules. However, training provided through an entity other than the ADHS certified contractor (and subcontractors) will not result in an ADHS certification for participants.

When does this change take effect?

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When is the final date for independent trainers to offer AHDS certified training sessions?

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Is my current ADHS trainer certification still valid?

Independent trainer certifications will no longer be valid as of March 12, 2023.

The awarded contractor will have the option of working with subcontractors to fulfill the training requirements. Current trainers who wish to continue training on behalf of the ADHS Sensory Screening Program through a subcontractor agreement must be recertified under the awarded contractor.

Why do trainers need to recertify?

Trainers will need to be recertified for a couple of reasons:

1. The majority of Trainer certifications were issued prior to the hearing screening rules passed in August of 2019. By law everyone certified prior to that date needs to be recertified.
2. The State is no longer using the T3 or Master Trainer Program.
3. This will establish fidelity to the ADHS Sensory Screening Program curricula and training program
4. Lastly, trainers will become subcontractors and need to follow policies and procedures

passed down from the ADHS and the awarded Contractor.

What is the timeline for a trainer to become recertified?

The Sensory Screening Program does not have a set timeline in place for the recertification of current Trainers. The AzAAP and the Sensory Screening Program are working together to roll out a timeline for the recertification process and inform current Trainers.

If recertified under the new Contractor would the Contractor pay trainers to teach a class?

Any training conducted by subcontractors would be compensated through the Contractor. The terms and conditions would be between the Contractor and the subcontractor.

Who will provide screener certificates? ADHS or the Contractor?

Screener certificates will continue to be provided by the ADHS Sensory Screening Program.

How much will training cost?

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Who is eligible for the free training?

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Curriculum

Will the curriculum for the hearing and vision screening curriculum change?

In 2022 the vision screening curriculum was reviewed by a committee composed of ADHS employees, non-profit entities, and current certified vision trainers and screeners to ensure that the curriculum is based on national standards and are in compliance with the forthcoming vision screening rules.

The hearing screening curriculum has been condensed and clarified. The content remains in line with the specifications in the Hearing Screening Rules. Conversion to a web-based platform is forthcoming.

Are there updates on Web-Based training?

The Vision Screener Curriculum is currently in its final stages of being converted to a web-based platform. The Program is working to set a release date and any forthcoming information will be posted under our Program Updates webpage.

Once the Vision Screener Curriculum is completed the Program will be working to convert the Hearing Screener Curriculum to a web-based platform.